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Quite a few changes around which seem to creep in un-noticed and very quickly become the norm. Mostly the ones that I seem to notice are not very desirable and seem to reflect the gradual change in society and the desire for 'me' over 'us'

Kids are ferried to school and accompanied to the park. Of course I am aware of the 'dangers' lurking around every corner but are they really so much worse than when we were kids. The next generation will not feel so confident when they go alone into the big wide world. Spitting in the street is now common place and eating on the tube is now so widespread that when you leave the carriage towards the end of the line and look back the carriages are full of litter. The Piccadilly Line carrying many visitors direct from Heathrow must give a great first impression of London.

Tammy and Larnie now make Museum Girlie Days and I know that Larnie really enjoys the days out. A picnic lunch and 'following the museum trail' is what childhood is all about and it is a shame that more parents do not do it.

Ben is a keen golfer now and enjoys the weekend relaxing before plunging back into his busy work schedule.

Mum is still getting about independently and went to Jo & Ushi's diamond wedding party at West Lodge yesterday despite feeling a bit under the weather. We went to Aroma in Palmers Green with her and had Greek coffee and small Greek cakes and she really enjoyed the 'continental' feel of the café.

Lynny looks really great and I think she is even more attractive now, having developed a certain 'Lynn-style' that I love. She comes with me on all my deliveries and we then make the most of wherever we find ourselves. Walking is still a great part of our normal routine and it is amazing how much one sees when on foot

DP and Angela are apart at the moment as things were difficult in the confines of the 'bus' and Angela is currently in Ipswich staying with Miranda and the kids. We spoke a few days ago and she seems very settled there and happy. Beau-Phineas is starting school there two days a week and Esme-Peach is enjoying her room apparently. We will see them shortly at Tammy and Ben's wedding (Re-affirming their vows). Meanwhile DP has moved in to Dimitrie's small cottage in Trent Park and we see more of him now. I went swimming with him last week and he seems to be getting things together with Spanish courses and others in the pipeline. He is in regular contact with the kids as well...Onwards



A Walk along the Southbank



Coffee at Hays Galleria





A great guitar display Thameside....



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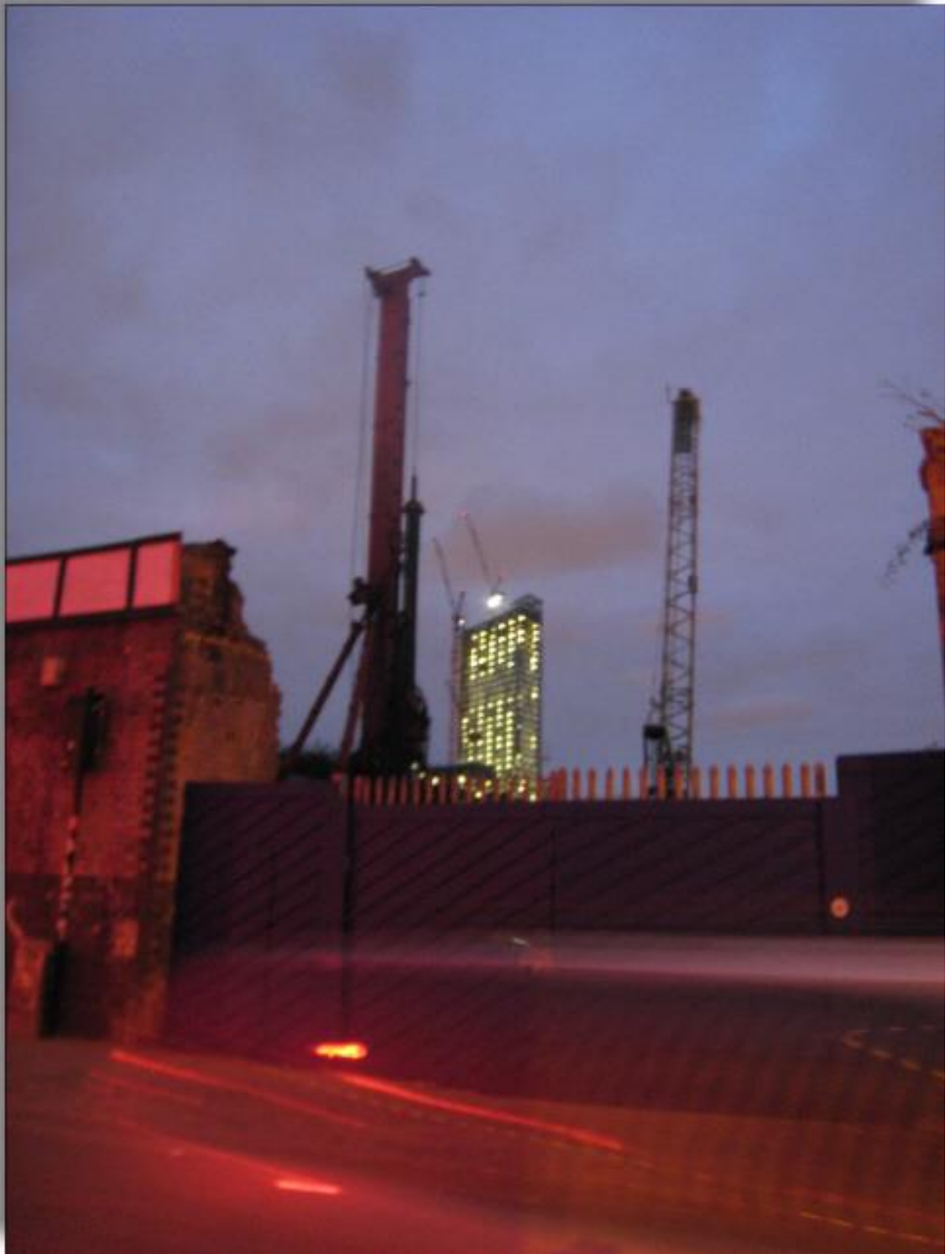






'More London' is now completed and has become part of the London scene. I will now do a book of old London shots next to the current views showing the great changes over a relatively short period.









This guy produced these works of art on the sand washed up at the side of the Thames between tides and the results were spectacular. All to be washed away daily...



The Festival Hall is open again after a large-scale refurbishment and we saw Carmen Jones there, both a great sound and visual experience.



In September we went to see the kids in Bath and stayed close to the farm where DP and the kids were. Like before we took the kids to Victoria park and they really enjoyed it (so did we)





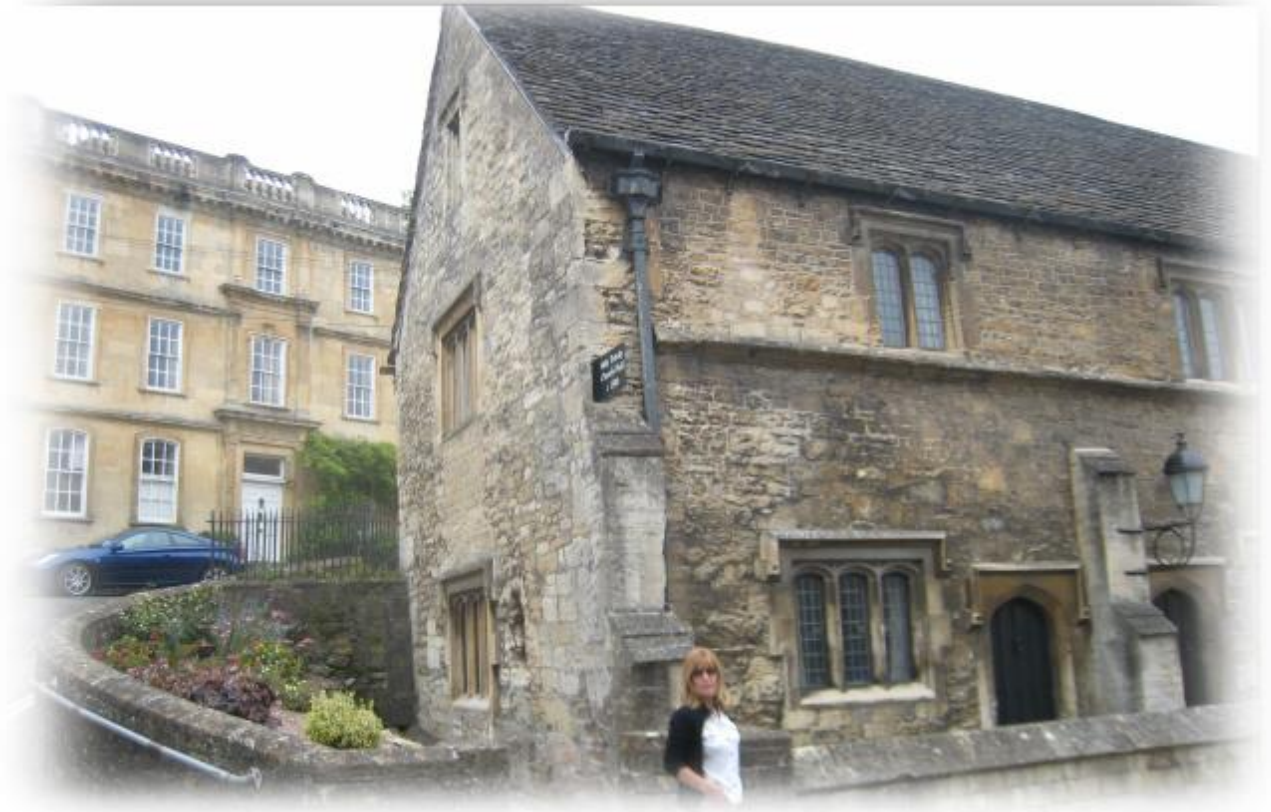


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Bradford on Avon



The colourful display



Lovely old buildings on the riverside





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Mind that fat tummy.....



The kids were fascinated by the leaf clearer and he said that he had got a job that every kid wanted to do when they grew up...



a happy man

.....!!!



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No Peachie...
get into the bag

expensive toys ????

Two carrier bags...hours of amusement. Who needs



Babes in the wood





"Dad, put the milk in here and I will carry it"



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The real Romany caravan restored to its former glory



On the hay cart





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At home on the farm, near Bath





Fantastic idea this....and very economical on fuel



Now we can see why!!!!





The windscreen slide



This is better than the local park



At Tammy and Ben's in September '07

Open House day in London coincided with Southbank Day (Lots of fun along the area by the Festival Hall) and also a River Armada of interesting boats.
A great fun day to be in London.

The Openhouse Day has become a well-advertised event with loads of people, leaflets in hand, going from location to location and some massive queues had formed and one had to choose carefully to see the ones that you most wanted to see. as they were all over London, planning and timing was crucial.

(Open House London is an organisation which promotes appreciation of architecture by the general public. It organises tours, lectures, educational projects for children and so on, but it is best known for **Open House Weekend**, a two day event which takes place on one weekend each September throughout London since 1992. The event is the London chapter of the European wide "Journées Europeennes du Patrimoine", an event started in France in 1984. During that weekend, many European buildings considered to be of architectural significance open their doors for free public tours.)





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A model
outside
The Brunel
Museum
(Formerly
Brunel
Engine
House)





The Sands Films Studio & Rotherhithe Picture Research Library in Southwark was a totally fascinating insight into theatrical and cinema costume and set productions and we were given a really animated tour around the grade 2 listed granary



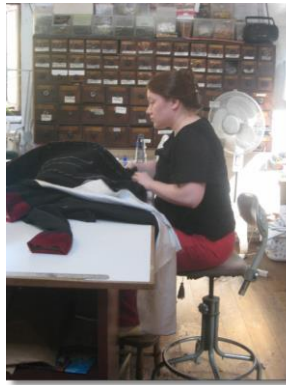


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Our guide for the Sands tour



Star's dressing room



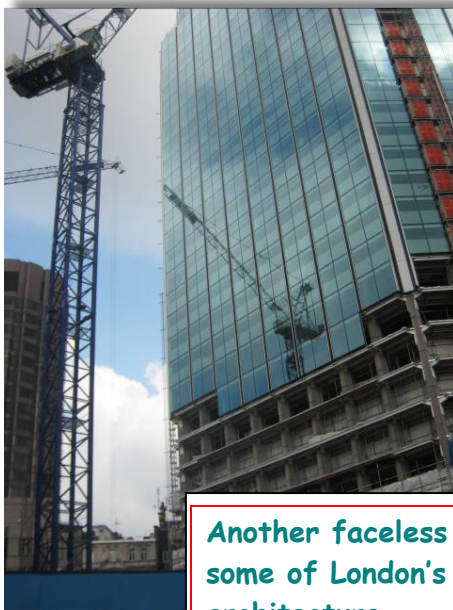


The new and the traditional....



Just waiting to be developed...

This prime real estate will not remain vacant for long...



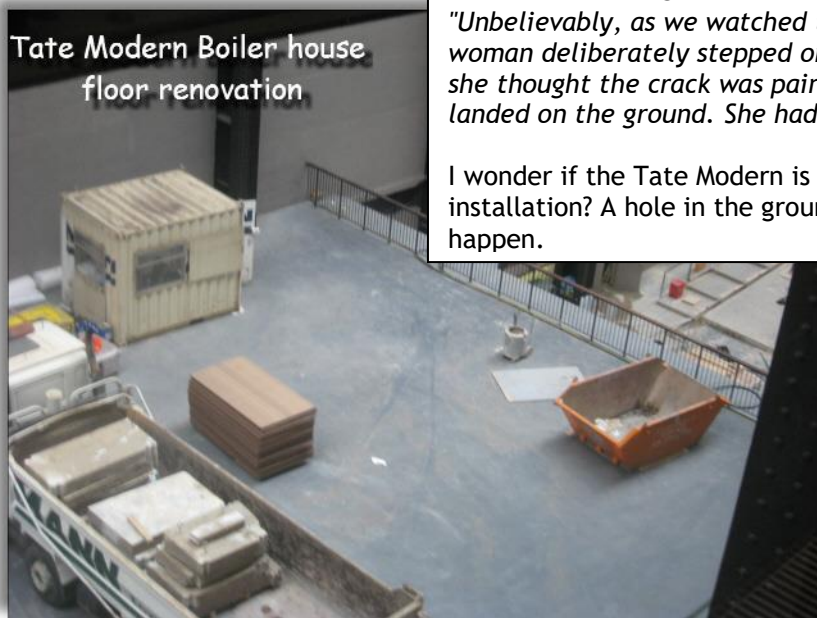
Another faceless block that typifies some of London's thoughtless new architecture



The Narrow House
Rotherhithe



We really thought that the hole in the floor was for some 'below' ground' structural problems. Artistic plebs that we are. Surely any educated visionary could immediately see that the 'hole' was an 'INSTALLATION'.



The [Guardian reported](#) that an onlooker said "We saw the first poor victim, a young woman who went into it with both feet up to just below her knees. She had to be dragged out by her friends," "Unbelievably, as we watched to see whether she was OK, an older woman deliberately stepped on it (she later told us, amazingly, that she thought the crack was painted on the floor) lurched forward and landed on the ground. She had a sore wrist to show for it."

I wonder if the Tate Modern is paying extra insurance for this installation? A hole in the ground is an insurance disaster waiting to happen.

"In breaking open the floor of the museum, Salcedo is exposing a fracture in modernity itself. Her work encourages us to confront uncomfortable truths about our history and about ourselves with absolute candidness, and without self-deception." [Tate Modern](#)



Customers are respectfully reminded to pay for any Volvic bottles used in dousing the flames





Even more cameras.....

More spies on our every movement..the above cameras are (allegedly) number recognition cameras



This innocent-looking car
(illegally parked).
is filming



The traffic-jumping
window cleaners

This must be a lucrative way of earning money..there are a dozen of these 'girls' on The North Circular' at some times of the day



Pay time for the traffic-jumping
windscreen cleaners



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Lobbos, the latest family member



.....Perhaps they also
grill ballet dancers



City developing





A rainy day in Crouch End and we queued to witness this highly intelligent incident





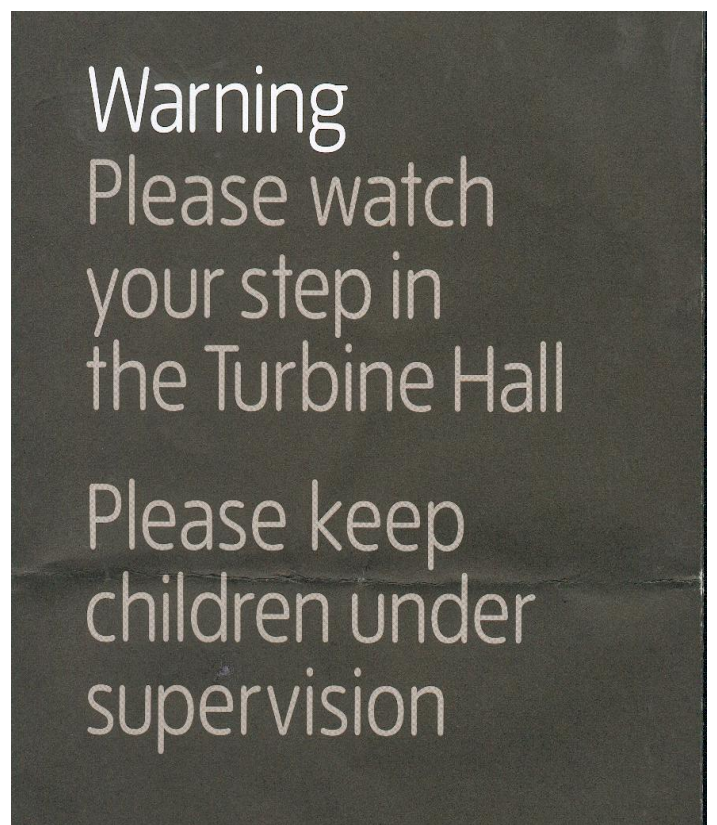
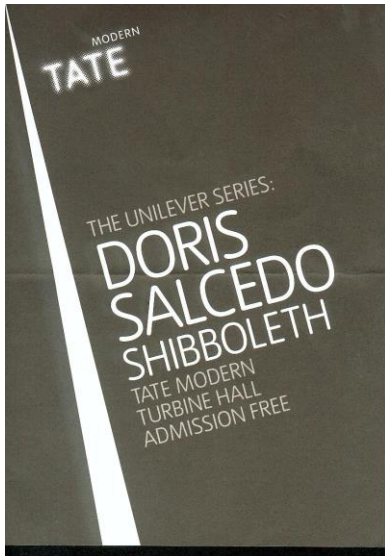
A saga of stupidity#2
Total road obstruction -
to remove a car



Who are you calling stooped ???????



One of us is stupid.....and it aint me !!!!!



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The crack is now apparent and is really an amazing work of art..
.....but then I lie about a lot of things..



I always find this view fascinating; the distant view of the City of London visible from Hamstead Heath.



The cranes are on site for the final stage of The St. Pancras redevelopment (see photos later on)



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Acorn carpet



A great year for Autumn colours, berries and nuts



Local changes include the demolition of larger properties to build expensive, but smaller, houses in the grounds. This house (and pool building) where I have catered in the past for the owner of Lesney Toys were demolished ..see below.





Jo and her great family at Miriams 21st at the Winchmore Arms



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